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The Lincoln Highway Fountain Society

603 Union Oil Building
Los Angeles

Gettysburg Address

Delivered November 19, 1863, at the Dedication
of the National Cemetery
by Abraham Lincoln

Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We are met to dedicate a portion of it as the final resting place of those who gave their lives that that nation might live.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow this ground. The brave men living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.

It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion: that we here highly **Resolve**: that these dead shall not have died in vain: that this nation under **God** shall have a new birth of freedom and that

Government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

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SANTA ANA, CAL., Dec. 7, 1916.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the bearer hereof, Mr. A. Kenney, several years ago placed the Lincoln Fountain of Peace, an ice cold water fountain at our encampment at Huntington Beach, California. It was placed there and dedicated during one of the annual encampments of the Southern California Veterans Association and I want to assure the public that the kindnesses and courtesies of Mr. A. Kenney has been very much appreciated and that the fountains have been of invaluable use to us altho they were placed there by him without any expense to us and I am sure I voice the sentiment of every veteran there when I say that we have all appreciated the gift very highly.

E. T. LANGLEY

Ex-Commander of Southern California Veteran Association

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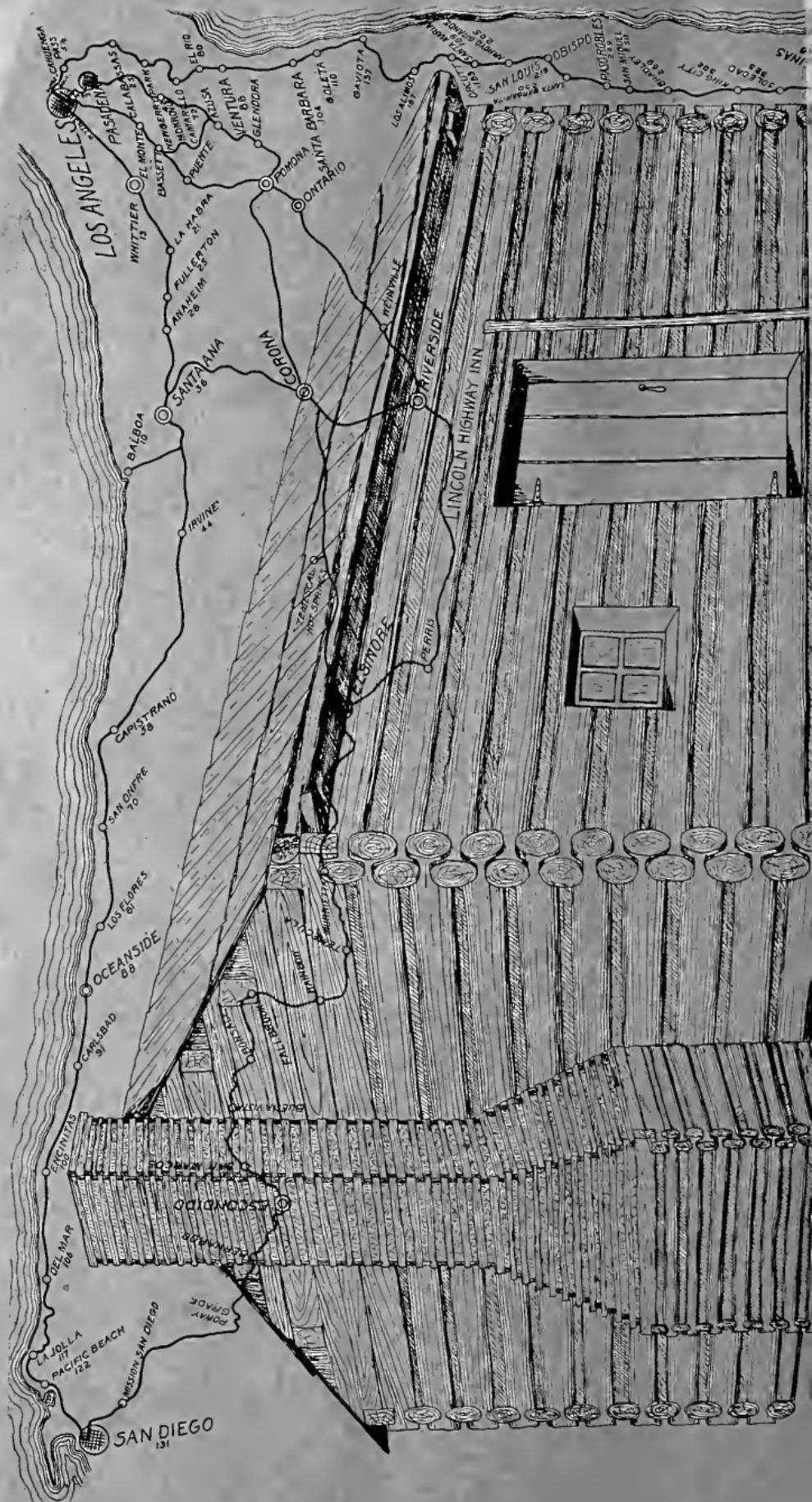
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A Desert Tragedy

“Noon. Into the unshaded wilderness the mounted sun pours his intolerable rays, making the thin air dance. Myriad infinitesimal shadows lie shrunken in under the innumerable clumps of brush; even the gray-backed lizards have ceased their darting and sought shelter from the mid-day blaze. Nothing moves; nothing disturbs this desolation of silence but a lost man, crazed, bareheaded, semi-blinded, moaning for water—water in that scorched and barren waste. Anguish of thirst—the like of which may be only once endured—has drawn back his lips and the sun has cracked and baked them. His blackened tongue protrudes. Crouched in the desert, there drifts to his dying ears the music of splashing waters; to his dimming eyes appears a perfect vision of fountains and marble fonts and fern embowered shade—and oh, it is so near. Leaping, uttering delirious sounds, stopping to divest himself now of one frayed garment, now another, naked he runs to cast himself into his Eden of moisture, into his palace of shadows, and stumbles into a clump of sage brush or grease wood, where his earthly misery ends.”

A Response to Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Delivered on the Centennial of his Birthday

by Curtis D. Wilbur

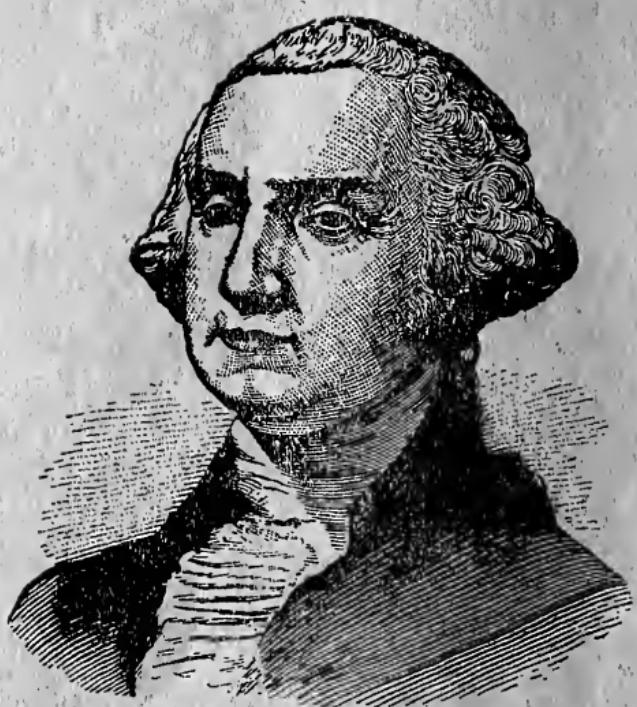
Five score years ago today a boy was born on this continent, conceived and reared in poverty and obscurity; but destined to successfully lead this nation through a great civil war.

We are now enjoying the peace, the prosperity, the power, and the world-wide prestige his efforts made possible. We are met to honor his memory, rejoice in his goodness and gentleness, his love and his power.

“**I**t is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.” But his life and work, his great heart of love, his martyr death, have enshrined him in the hearts of his countrymen, “far above our poor power to add or detract.” “It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated” to that nation and that principle for which he struggled in weariness and yet with overcoming power — that all men are created free and equal.

“**L**et us be here dedicated to the great work remaining before us;” that from this martyred President “we take increased devotion to that cause to which he,” too, “gave the last full measure of devotion.” **Abraham Lincoln**, we do here “highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain;” that your life shall not have lived in vain; that this nation, under **God**, shall give to every other a new birth of freedom, until liberty shall enlighten the world; that, “**G**overnment of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth,” but shall rule from pole to pole and from sun to sun.

We are coming, Father Abraham,
one hundred million strong.



*Make no entangling alliances with
foreign nations.—GEORGE WASHINGTON.*